

**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: APRIL 4, 2006**

**- CALL TO ORDER**

**MINUTES:**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS TARKANIAN and BROWN (for COUNCILMAN ROSS)

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED and DEPUTY CITY CLERK CARMEL VIADO

**- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**

**MINUTES:**

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza (next door to Metro Records)

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - Updates the zoning regulations that govern off-premise signs, and makes minor revisions regarding the placement of certain on-premise signs. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian

**Fiscal Impact:**

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**No Impact**

**Amount:**

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**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

☐

**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill updates the zoning regulations that govern off-premise signs and makes minor revisions regarding the placement of certain on-premise signs. The bill is intended to better address sign clutter and to facilitate consistent enforcement and interpretation of the sign regulations. Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, the bill also expands the corridors along which new off-premise signs are to be excluded.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The 1/31/2006 Recommending Committee held this bill in abeyance to the 4/4/2006 Recommending Committee meeting.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Bill No. 2006-1
2. Submitted at meeting - written comments with documentation by Tom McGowan

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILMAN BROWN recommended Bill 2006-1 be held in ABEYANCE to the 5/2/2006 Recommending Committee meeting. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN explained that while progress was being made on this item, more time was needed. COUNCILMAN BROWN received confirmation from MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development Department, and DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, that this bill would not be negatively impacted by being held for 30 days.

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, described the commercial advertising for Psychic World as being in violation of signage code and possibly creating a hazardous situation for pedestrians and motorists. He suggested the owners are involved in illegal activities and recommended their business license be revoked.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

**NEW BILL:**

Bill No. 2006-3 - ABEYANCE ITEM - Amends the time-lines for filing and hearing a work card appeal and repeals the dual filing requirements for a written notice of appeal. Proposed by: Mark R.Vincent, Director of Finance and Business Services

**Fiscal Impact:**

☒

**No Impact**

**Amount:**

☐

**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

☐

**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

This bill repeals the requirement that written notices of work card appeals be filed with both Metro and the City Clerk and instead requires that they only be filed with the City Clerk. The time for filing work card appeals will be shorten from thirty days to ten days, which then must be heard by the City Council within forty-five days of the filing of the notice of appeal under the proposals of this bill.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The 2/28/2006 Recommending Committee held this bill in abeyance to the 4/4/2006 Recommending Committee meeting.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2006-3

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILMAN BROWN recommended Bill 2006-3 be held in ABEYANCE to the 5/2/2006 Recommending Committee meeting. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

MARK VINCENT, Director of Finance and Business Services, explained that more time was needed to allow staff to continue to work with Clark County in order to standardize work card provisions.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

(4:11 - 4:13)

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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-15 - Annexation No. ANX-11001 - Property location: On the west side of Coke Street, between Racel Street and Brent Lane; Petitioned by: William Lyon Homes, et. al; Acreage: 18.85 acres; Zoned: R-E (County zoning), U (RNP) (City equivalent). Sponsored by: Councilman Steven D. Ross

**Fiscal Impact:**

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**No Impact**

**Amount:**

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**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

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**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed ordinance annexes certain real property generally located on the west side of Coke Street, between Racel Street and Brent Lane. The annexation is at the request of the property owners. The annexation process has now been completed in accordance with the NRS and the final date of annexation (April 28, 2006) is set by this ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2006-15 and Location Map

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILMAN BROWN recommended Bill 2006-15 be forwarded to the Full Council as a First Amendment with a "DO PASS" recommendation. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained this item is a routine annexation requested by the owner. This item needs to be amended to show the correct City zoning for two of the three parcels as R-E (Rural Estate) and not U (RNP).

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.  
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**DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**

**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

**SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-16 - Amends the zoning regulations to update the definitions and criteria applicable to accessory structures. Sponsored by: Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

**Fiscal Impact:**

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**No Impact**

**Amount:**

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**Budget Funds Available**

**Dept./Division:**

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**Augmentation Required**

**Funding Source:**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The City's zoning regulations allow certain types of accessory structures in residential districts, including guest houses and caretaker's quarters. This bill will 1) revise the applicable definitions, treating accessory structures either as "habitable" or "non-habitable," 2) update and clarify the standards for habitable structures, retaining the availability of the use but ensuring that the use of each such structure is compatible with the principal use and with surrounding properties, and 3) make a parallel change to the terminology used in the City's sewer service regulations.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Bill No. 2006-16

**MOTION:**

**COUNCILMAN BROWN recommended Bill 2006-16 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "DO PASS" recommendation. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.**

**MINUTES:**

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development Department, explained the City is matching its standards to standards recently adopted by Clark County and the City of Henderson. She briefly described the provisions and emphasized the major changes that allow a kitchen in the accessory structure, lot size requirements, that the structure not cover more than 50% of the yard and, in order to preserve residential character, the property owner must occupy either the main or accessory structure.

TOM McGOWAN, member of the local public, clarified with MS. WHEELER that an accessory structure is a habitable structure with occupancy based upon Building Code requirements. However, a temporary sign is not permanently affixed to the ground and cannot be defined as a structure, which must be permanently affixed. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED stated an accessory structure may be either habitable or inhabitable.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

**MINUTES:**

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident for 50 years, stressed that public participation is essential to government. He requested that one of the Committee members cause to be placed on a future agenda an item adopting a celebrity walk of fame to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to the City of Las Vegas. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated that public participation is always encouraged. MR. McGOWAN pointed out a past consent item involving the Arts District which the public was not allowed access in order to participate before it was approved.

(4:22 - 4:26)

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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Carmel Viado, Deputy City Clerk

April 5, 2006